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DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Boutkevitch, Mr. Chernichenko, Mr. Eide,
Mr. El-Hajjé, Mr. Hatano and Ms. Mbonu: draft resolution

1995/... International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Bearing in mind that one of the purposes of the United Nations, as set forth in the Charter, is the achievement of international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 48/163 of 21 December 1993, in which the Assembly proclaimed the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1995/28 of 3 March 1995,

Recognizing the importance of consulting and cooperating with indigenous peoples and the need for financial support from within the United Nations, and aware of the need to build on the results and lessons of the International Year of the World's Indigenous People and the first year of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People,

Having considered the report of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations on its thirteenth session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/24),

Emphasizing the importance of the workshops and technical meetings for the world's indigenous people,

1. Welcomes the report of the second technical meeting on the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.4/1995/5);

2. Expresses its appreciation and thanks to the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the second technical meeting, Mr. Antonio Garcia;

3. Welcomes the observance of the International Day of Indigenous People on 9 August every year;

4. Stresses the importance of strengthening of international cooperation for the solution of problems faced by indigenous people in areas such as human rights, the environment, development, education and health;

5. Recommends that a board of trustees for the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for the International Decade be established as soon as possible to consider projects submitted by indigenous and other organizations during the Decade, in accordance with United Nations rules and regulations, and that the members of this board include representatives of indigenous people;

6. Requests that the Secretary-General include in his report to the General Assembly the suggestions made in the course of the debate on the International Decade at the thirteenth session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations.